

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

1948

Area (in acres): 1498 (including 434 acres of Foreshore).

Registrar-General's estimate of
resident population: 3372

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1948)
according to Rate Books: 1117

Rateable value and sum represented by a
penny rate: £30,091
£ 120

Social condition, including the chief
industries carried on in the area, and
the extent of Unemployment:- None.

Vital Statistics.				
	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	48	25	23	Birth rate per 1000 estimated resident population mid 1947:- 14.2.
Live Births				
Illegitimate	6	3	3	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births:- 16
Legitimate	3	2	1	
Still Births				Death rate per 1000 estimated population:- 12.7
Illegitimate	1	1	-	
Deaths	43	19	24	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) Births.
Death from				
puerperal causes	Deaths.			
No. 29 Puerperal sepsis	0		0	
No. 30 Other puerperal causes:	0		0	
	0		0	

Death rate of infants under one year of age:- Total 3 2M. 1F
All infants, per 1000 live births: 55.5.
Legitimate infants per 1000
Legitimate live births: 55.5.
Illegitimate infants per 1000
illegitimate live births: None.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages): 9 M.6. F.3.
Measles (all ages) 0 0
Whooping cough
(all ages) 0 0
Diarrhoea
(under 2 years of ages) 1 0

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year
which has been received or required comment:- None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially
noteworthy in the area during the year; any conditions of
occupation or environment, which appear to have had a prejudicial
effect on health; and any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that
unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health
or physique of children or adults: None.

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. One part-time Medical Officer of Health, Building Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. District Nurse.
- 2 . (a) Laboratory facilities: None other than Medical Research Council Laboratory at the Norwich City Isolation Hospital
- (b) Ambulance facilities: For non-infectious and accident cases a motor ambulance is provided by a Local Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society conjointly for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible. After 1/5/48 taken over by Norfolk County Council.
- (c) Nursing in the home: The District Nurse undertakes this.
- (d) Treatment centres and) This work is undertaken at.
 clinics, including) the King's Lynn Hospital.
 clinics used solely for)
 diagnoses or consultation:
- (e) Hospitals: Public and None other than the King's Lynn
 Voluntary: Hospital.

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The Sewage Disposal plant at New Hunstanton has operated satisfactorily during the year.

Plans for the re-sewering of Hunstanton North and in respect of plant for the ejection of sewage into the New Hunstanton sewers, in order to eliminate the existing unsatisfactory disposal works, have been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Sir Cyril Kirkpatrick and Partners, and should be ready for the Enquiry stage during 1949.

2 . House Refuse.

The weekly collection of house refuse and salvage has been maintained during the year.

Disposal is by Controlled Tipping, which is carried out on the South Beach during the Winter months and at the Heacham Quarry during the Summer months.

Trouble was experienced during the summer months at the Heacham Quarry Tip due to fires started by internal combustion. Every effort was made to minimise the nuisance and to keep the fires under control by trenching and the application of sand.

Several notices were served on householders during the year requiring the provision of additional, or replacement of defective bins.

3. Water Supply.

During the year a diesel standby engine was installed at the Waterworks and was operated at times of electric supply



breakdown and during 'peak periods'. Apart from minor breakdowns due to faults on the telemeter equipment the supply was satisfactorily maintained during the year.

The total gallonage of water pumped during 1948 was 94,419,000 as against 112,878,000 in 1947.

During the year 6 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The analysis showed that the water was adequately chlorinated and was satisfactory for drinking purposes.

All houses in the district have direct mains supply of water with the exception of 29 houses in Hunstanton North which have mains supply from communal taps.

Section D. Housing.

The total number of families housed in Requisitioned Properties at the end of the year was 47.

The Council have one estate of 5 bungalows for Aged Persons in Park Road. These were opened during the year under review.

Land off Hill Street for an estate of approximately 50 houses has been acquired and a commencement on an initial scheme of 14 houses should be made early in 1949.

During the year 5 private houses were completed and occupied and 2 were commenced.

A number of conversions of private dwellings into flats were carried out during the year.

Many inspections were carried out under the Housing Act, 1936, and where necessary, informal notices were served.

SECTION E.

Milk Supply.

There are no producers within the Urban Area.

Meat and Other Foods.

The following foodstuffs were condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption.

Fish	105 lbs.
Meat	31 lbs.
Flour	27 lbs.
Fruit	735 lbs.
Tinned Meat	31 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Tinned Milk	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Tinned Fruit and Vegetables	48 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Miscellaneous Tinned Foods.	5 lbs.
Other Foods	48 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

During the year a Central Slaughterhouse was opened in the Urban District by the Ministry of Food, and the following carcasses were inspected:-

Cattle.	735
Sheep	1182
Calves	33
Pigs	26

Condemned notes were issued in respect of the following:-

Cattle

Carcase and all organs	6
Forequarters	8
Heads	77
Lungs	90
Livers	110
Part Livers	145

Sheep

Carcase and all organs	1
Heads	2
Plucks	4

Pigs

Hindquarters	1
Heads	1

Ice Cream.

Regular inspections were made of manufacturer's and retailers' premises.

SECTION F.Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious and Other diseases.

Not sufficient to call for comment.

Diphtheria Immunisation:-

Prophylactic used:- Government supplied A.P.T. (B.W. & Co)

	<u>Number immunised</u>	
<u>Under 5 years.</u>	<u>5 - 15 years.</u>	<u>Total</u>
37	0	37

After 1/7/48 these statistics were taken over by the County Council.

Existing facilities for typing pneumococci and provision of appropriate type sera:


None.

Notifiable Diseases during 1947

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	28	0	0
Measles	14	0	0
Jaundice	2	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0

3. Tuberculosis.

It has not been necessary to take any action.



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4. Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1948

NEW CASES

DEATHS

Age periods

	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25:	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 and upwards.	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0

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